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SUBJ: RED: ECAFE: 29 TH SESSION COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS FIFTEEN
AND SIXTEEN

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1. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN(A) CONCERNS PLENARY APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE
ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD) AND REGIONAL SEMINAR ON DEVELOPMENT
ASPECTS OF SOCIAL WORK TRAINING CURRICULA (SDSWC). RECOMMEND
THAT USDEL APPROVE CSD AND SDSWC WORK PROGRAMS. DURING
DISCUSSION

UDEL SHOULD POINT OUT EVEN THOUGH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT AT
ALL LEVELS OF UN INCLUDING ECAFE THAT POVERTY AND UNEQUAL DISTRI-
BUTION OF INCOME ARE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN ECAFE DEVELOPING NATIONS,
PRACTICALLY NO ACTION TAKEN TO DATE TO AMELIORATE CONDITIONS . TO
ASSIST SOCIAL DEVELOPMEM DIVISION UNDERTAKE ACTION SOONEST
RECOMMEND US EMPHASIZE GREAT NEED TO FILL TWO EXISTING AND ONE
UP- COMING VACANCY IN SEVEN- PERSON PERMANENT COMPLEMENT
COMPRISING PRESENT STAFF. PLEASE NOTE PAGES SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN
ECAFE DOCUMENT E/ CN.11/1072 WHICH EMPHASIZES NEED ADDITIONAL
MANPOWER RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT PRIORITY " A" PROJECTS WHEN ONLY
ONE- UNDRED THIRTY MAN- MONTHS AVAILABLE AND TWO- HUNDRED SIXTY-
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FOUR MAN- MONTHS FEDED TO COMPLETE APPROVED PROGRAM OF WORK

2. BECAUSE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION DEPENDS HEAVILY ON EXTRA BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE URGE DEPARTMENT EXAMINE EXISTING AID INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND OTHER SIMILAR PROGRAMS TO DETERMINE IF US CAN ASSIY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF WORTHWHILE ECAFE PGJECTS SO THAT USDEL CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASS-ISTANCE IN OBTAINING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE OF ECAFE REQUESTED \$40,000 TO CONDUCT SEMINAR ON YOUTH AND DRUG ABUSE (SEE PAGE FIFTEEN ANNEX II E/ CN.11/1072). US STATEMENT SHOULD COMMEND WORK OF DIVISION AND REQUEST THAT WHEN ADDITIONAL STAFF BECOMES AVAILABLE DIVISION SHOULD BECOME MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SOCIAL DELOPMENT ASPECTS OF PROGRAMS UNDERTAKN BY OTHER ECAFE DIVISONS AND PARTICULARLY IN ACTIVITIES OF NEWLY ORGANIZED ASIAN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.

3. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US POSITION ON AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN (B) BECAUSE RED HAS NO RECORD OF PAST US STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WERE MADE BY USDELS TO ECOSOC AND UNGA AT TIME WHEN RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WERE APPROVED. PRESUME DEPARTMENT WILL FORMULATE US POSITION AT 29 TH PLENARY WHICH WILL APPROPRIATELY HONOR 25 TH ANNIVERSARY. WE RECOMMEND USDEL PROPOSE THAT ECAFE SECRETARIAT UNDERTAKE ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS MADE IN ENACTING LAWS AND TAKING OTHER POSITIVE MEASURES IN ECAFE REGION DURING DDI TO INSURE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ESTIMATE WHAT PROGRESS MAY BE EXPECTED IN THIS FIELD DURING DDII.

4. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN: POPULATION: USDEL SHOULD ENDORSE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING SECOND ASIAN POPULATION CONFERENCE (DOCUMENT E/ CN.11/1065) AND GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO CONFERENCE DECLARATION ON POPULATION STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPXNT. RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PAGES 19-20, 28-29, 33, 42-43, 55-56, 62-64, 72-74 AND 76-78 IN GENERAL SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND OTHER AVIVITIES IN POPULATION FIELD WHICH HAVE BEEN ADVOCATED BY US. RECOMMEND USDEL CONGRATULATE ECAFE REGIONAL MEMBERS FOR LEADING ALL OTHER ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS IN RECOGNIZING POPULATION PROBLEMS AND TAKING POSITIVE ACTION THROUGH APPROVAL OF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AND FORMULATING DECLARATION. ECAFE DECLARATION SHOULD ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS IN WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE IN FACING PROBLEM OF OVER POPULATION. WE SHOUD ALSO GIVE HIGH PRAISE TO EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ECAFE POPULATION DIVISION.

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